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July 16, 1986

Mr. Fred Gardner
State of Washington
Department of Ecology
Mail Stop PV-11
Olympia, WA 98504-8711

    RE: Colbert Landfill
         Spokane, Washington
         Our File: L-83-002(a)

Dear Mr. Gardner:

This letter is in response to Carol Kraege's letter of May 19, 1986 to Lewis G. Zirkle, President of Key Tronic Corporation. Ms. Kraege invited us to assume responsibility for investigations and remedial action related to the release of hazardous substances at the Colbert landfill, and she requested that we contact your Department within 60 days to let you know if we wish to do so. This letter is to inform you that Key Tronic does wish to assume responsibility for any investigations and remedial actions related to Colbert which are consistent with the requirements of law.

Your Department has already published a draft "Remedial Investigation." However, we do not, at this time know the status of any final draft of that document. Accordingly, we would like to meet with you or representatives of your Department at your earliest convenience to discuss both the status of any ongoing investigations and the appropriate method by which responsibility for those investigations may be assumed by Key Tronic, as suggested in your letter of May 19. In this regard, we would very much appreciate your contacting our attorney, James A. Payne, at (612)333-4800, to discuss the details of such a meeting.

By this letter Key Tronic makes no admission of liability as to any action your agency may bring against Key Tronic. However, Key Tronic has always acted in good faith with
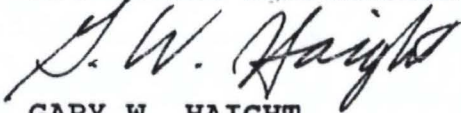
respect to the situation at Colbert. We look forward to continuing in a cooperative working relationship with your department.

Sincerely,

KEY TRONIC CORPORATION

GARY W. HAIGHT
VICE PRESIDENT, GENERAL COUNSEL
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